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REPORTS BY DIVISIONS AND GOVERNMENTS ON THE SITUATION IN THEIR REGIONS AND COUNTRIES AND ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE STANDARDIZATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES SINCE THE FIFTH CONFERENCE

Report of the Asia South-East and Pacific South-West Division

Paper submitted by the United Nations Group
of Experts on Geographical Names**

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1. SCOPE

1.1 This report covers the activities undertaken by the division in the intervening period since the 15th Session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names for Asia South-East and Pacific South-West Division was held in Geneva, Switzerland, 11-19 November 1991.

2. DIVISION MEETINGS

2.1 The division has not met since its fifth meeting held in Perth 27-28 1990. However the next meeting is scheduled for 29-30 September 1992 and will be held for the first time in Wellington, New Zealand.

2.2 Non-member nations from the Asia South-East and Pacific South-West region are being invited to attend the next division meeting in September 1992 and will be encouraged to become members of the division.

3. DIVISIONAL CHAIRMANSHIP

3.1 New Zealand has now taken up the chairmanship of the division in accordance with a resolution passed at the 12th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific held in Bangkok, 20-28 February 1991.

4. REVIEW OF PROJECTS

4.1 Place names map of Asia South-East and Pacific South-West Division

4.1.1 At the last divisional meeting held in Perth Australia in 1990 agreement was reached on the possible scale at which a new map of the Asia South-East and Pacific South-West Division should be produced to incorporate New Zealand and Australia, two new members to the division.

4.1.2 A scale of 1:10 million has been chosen so that all the members countries can be shown on one sheet.

4.1.3 New Zealand has sent a diazo print of the proposed map to each member country so that they can provide or confirm which official place names they wish to show on the new map.

4.1.4 On receipt of the place name information New Zealand will prepare a draft compilation map for members to study at the 20-30 September 1992 division meeting. Copies will also be sent to members unable to attend the meeting to check the content.

4.1.5 At the next meeting the issue of donor names and official place names will be addressed for regional and world maps.

4.2 GAZETTEERS

4.2.1 The Second Edition of the Concise Gazetteer and the Regional Gazetteer will be updated once additional or revised information from member countries has been received.